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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

Claims 1-14. (Canceled).

15. (Currently Amended) A cylinder control system, comprising:

a fluid source;

a fluid cylinder operatively connected to the fluid source, wherein the fluid

cylinder, in response to a constant fluid input from the fluid source, operates at a first

speed during a first portion of an extension stroke and operates at a second speed

during a second portion of the extension stroke; and

a speed control operatively connected to the cylinder and automatically changing

the fluid input to the cylinder to operate the cylinder at the first speed during the second

portion of the extension stroke; and

wherein the speed control automatically changes the fluid input to the cylinder

based on the position of the cylinder during the extension stroke.

16-18. (Canceled).

19. (Previously Presented) The cylinder control system of claim 15, including

a valve in fluid communication with the fluid cylinder for adjusting the fluid input to the

fluid cylinder.

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20. (Previously Presented) The cylinder control system of claim 15, including at least one sensor configured to generate a sensor signal when the fluid cylinder transitions from the first portion of the extension stroke to the second portion of the extension stroke.

- 21. (Previously Presented) The cylinder control system of claim 20, wherein the speed control is configured to automatically change the fluid input to the fluid cylinder in response to the sensor signal.
- 22. (Previously Presented) The cylinder control system of claim 15, including at least one sensor configured to detect when fluid pressure of fluid in the fluid cylinder exceeds a predetermined threshold.
- 23. (Previously Presented) The cylinder control system of claim 22, wherein the speed control is configured to retract the fluid cylinder when the sensor senses that the fluid pressure exceeds the predetermined threshold.
- 24. (Previously Presented) The cylinder control system of claim 22, wherein the speed control is configured to stop movement of the fluid cylinder at its current position when the sensor senses that the fluid pressure exceeds the predetermined threshold.

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25. (Previously Presented) The cylinder system of claim 15, wherein the fluid source includes a pump configured to supply fluid to the fluid cylinder during the first and second portions of the extension stroke.

- 26. (Previously Presented) The cylinder control system of claim 25, wherein the fluid source includes a valve disposed between the pump and the fluid cylinder, the valve having a moveable spool for adjusting the flow rate of the fluid to the fluid cylinder.
- 27. (Previously Presented) The cylinder control system of claim 25, wherein the speed control includes a variable control device for variably controlling the fluid input to the cylinder.
- 28. (Previously Presented) The cylinder control system of claim 27, wherein the variable control device includes a variable resistor.
- 29. (Currently Amended) A control system for a material ejector system including an ejector for ejecting material from a receptacle of a vehicle, comprising:

a power source;

a motor operatively associated with the power source, the motor being configured to drive the ejector to eject the material from the receptacle, wherein the motor is configured to receive a first input to drive the ejector at a first speed during a first portion of an ejection stroke and receive a second input, different from the first

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input, to drive the ejector at a second speed during a second portion of the ejection

stroke in response to a constant input of power from the power source; and

a speed control operatively connected to the motor and configured to regulate

the amount of power from the power source to the motor to drive the ejector at the same

ejection speed during both the first portion and the second portion of the ejection stroke

to eject the material from the receptacle of the vehicle at a constant rate.

30. (Previously Presented) The control system of claim 29, wherein the motor

is a fluid cylinder and the power source is a fluid source.

31. (Previously Presented) The control system of claim 30, including a valve

in fluid communication with the fluid cylinder for adjusting a fluid input to the fluid

cylinder.

32. (Previously Presented) The control system of claim 30, including at least

one sensor configured to generate a sensor signal when the motor transitions from the

first portion of the ejection stroke to the second portion of the ejection stroke.

33. (Previously Presented) The control system of claim 32, wherein the speed

control is configured to automatically change a fluid input to the fluid cylinder in

response to the sensor signal.

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